

He is a very valuable Member of this body, and I'm sure he would make very good use of the time that's available to him, and I would suggest that the business of the House could be expedited by having Mr. McCRERY proceed to yield time to members of the Ways and Means Committee on the minority side.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I just wish to make an observation that the tradition of normal procedure is to alternate between majority and minority. We just had a minority speaker. It should be the opportunity of the majority to tell their side of the story.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair notes that it was an alternation between two committees on one side and two committees on the other side of the House.

The gentleman from Michigan has 31½ minutes remaining, the gentleman from California has 30½ minutes remaining, for an aggregate of 61½ minutes.

The gentleman from Texas has 14 minutes remaining, the gentleman from Louisiana continues to have his full 45 minutes remaining, for an aggregate of 59 minutes.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I would then yield, with the understanding that the Democrats want to give the choice of the doctor, while our good Republican friends want to give a choice of HMOs.

With that, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. ENGEL).

Mr. ENGEL. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, the reauthorization of State Children's Health Insurance is unquestionably one of the most important bills we will pass this year. This bill will protect six million kids currently covered by SCHIP and provide coverage for an additional five million children.

This bill provides aggressive outreach to enroll children by simplifying enrollment procedures and awarding States bonuses for finding more children. This is important since two-thirds of the uninsured children in our Nation are actually eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid or SCHIP.

What is the response of our Republican friends? Block the bill from coming up in our committee; create phony issues because they're against insuring children. Illegal amnesty? Give me a break. No hearings? We've had seven hearings on this bill. Eligible for private insurance? 93.5 percent of the children we cover in this bill would have no private insurance without this bill.

What is the President's response? Under the President's plan, this program would see its funding cut from last year; and, worse, the amount allocated for its reauthorization would be less than half of the amount required to maintain coverage for current beneficiaries.

He says he will veto this bill because it covers too many children. This is un-

conscionable. Sixty-one national advocacy groups devoted to improving children's health request that we fund the SCHIP program at 60 billion additional dollars. The President countered with \$4.8 billion. Clearly, there is a disconnect.

We are proud that, despite budgetary constraints, we will be able to reauthorize our SCHIP program at \$50 billion. I am proud that we will be covering 11 million low-income children under this reauthorization, and I know our Nation will be better off for it.

This is an amazing feat. Passing bills like this is why we should all feel honored to be Members of Congress. I'm sorry that my Republican friends just continue to say no. We say yes, yes to 11 million children, yes to saying that our children ought to be insured, yes to saying that America's children need our help. Pass this bill. It is good for all our children.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I wish to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DEAL), ranking member of the Health Subcommittee.

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, we've heard a lot of opinions today about the effects of this bill; and opinions are, of course, of different perspectives on the bill. But there is an agency that we all rely on, supposedly, to give us the facts, and that is the Congressional Budget Office.

Now, there has been an argument about whether or not this bill, in its reforms, will go back to a system that would allow illegal immigrants to be covered. Now, we can say that it doesn't, but CBO says that, by changing that provision back to the way it used to be, that over the next 5 years it will cost \$800 million and over the next 10 years it will cost \$1.9 billion.

Now, CBO is simply saying that if you make it easier for illegals to enter the program, that's the price tag. They wouldn't say that if they didn't have some basis for coming up with those numbers. They didn't just pull them out of the air.

The other part deals with legal immigrants. We have had a policy in this country that if someone wants to bring a family member, a friend, or sponsor somebody to come in and we give that person coming in legal status, that they are not eligible to participate in our social programs, such as Medicaid, for the first 5 years. Their sponsor signs an affidavit that they will be personally responsible for that.

This bill removes that waiting time. So when you bring someone in, they can immediately sign up for the Medicaid rolls. Now, CBO says that that will cost \$900 million over the next 5 years and \$2.2 billion over the next 10 years. Now, the truth of the matter is that this bill gives incentives to States to allow this to happen.

I urge a "no" vote.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2272, AMERICA COMPETES ACT

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 2272) to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 110-289)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2272), to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "America COMPETES Act" or the "America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

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